

June 7, 1911, when I heard its oft repeated "pip pip pip" always three times with an interval before the next call. I found him perched on the peak of a dead pine along a hemlock clad gully.

Buteo platypterus. BROAD-WINGED HAWK.—The only time I ever observed this hawk hereabouts, was on April 24, 1913, when I not only heard the familiar plaintive cry, but observed the bird clearly as it flew along the willow-fringed shore of Lake Keoka. It is singular that the Broad-wing does not occur here as a breeder for the moist woodland of Potter swamp would be an ideal nesting haunt for it. This is the only noted occurrence during 29 years of active field work.

Olor columbianus. WHISTLING SWAN.—Five of these graceful swans descended into the west branch of Lake Keoka during a snow storm on November 13, 1919, remaining all afternoon and night. So far as I am aware this is the first occurrence of swans hereabouts since November 1, 1905, when five appeared on Lake Keoka near Penn Yan. Of the latter one was reported killed on November 25.

Just previous to November 13, 1919, five swans were reported on Seneca Lake which were probably the same birds, that were seen here.—CLARENCE F. STONE, *Branchport, N. Y.*

Notes from Springfield, Mass. Aluco pratincola. BARN OWL.—About the first of last December a Barn Owl was taken in Forest Park, in Springfield. There are but two other records of the presence of representatives of this species of bird in this part of the Connecticut valley.

Spizella monticola monticola. TREE SPARROW.—In February, 1916, ten Tree Sparrows were taken alive in Longmeadow, a suburb of Springfield, banded, and then liberated. This act was done on premises where, for a long time during the colder months of each year, wild birds had been liberally supplied with food. Three of these banded birds returned and made their home on these premises during each of the two succeeding winters. During the season of 1918 and 1919 the house on this lot was closed, and it was not known whether any of these birds were then present or not. This winter the house was again occupied, and food provided for the birds, and two of these Tree Sparrows appeared there, each wearing the band that was placed on its leg four years ago.—ROBERT O. MORRIS, *Springfield, Mass.*

Notes from St. Louis, Mo.—Four Whistling Swans(*Olor columbianus*) were seen on Dardenne Island, Mississippi River, about ten miles above the mouth of Illinois River, March, 1919.

They are the first wild swans seen in this locality in many years—I found only one old fisherman and trapper who could recall seeing swans in this locality before, and he stated they were the first he had seen since the early nineties. I saw these four adults on the Island, March 20, 1919, at 10:42 A. M., and approached within fifty yards of them in a motor boat. They were such a grand sight, I did not attempt to collect a specimen. They were first seen in this locality about March 1, 1919.